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GERMAN TREATY FINALLY SIGNED

U. S. Not Bound by League
Covenant

FULL RIGHTS
ASE RETAINED

Special Mention Made of Re-affirmation of Government's Share in Renounced German Overseas Possessions with Particular Reference to Island of Yap.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The treaty with Germany, which was signed today in Berlin, was made public tonight by the state department. It put into force the economic reparations, military and various other provisions of the unratified treaty of Versailles, but provides specifically that the United States shall not be bound by the covenant of the League of Nations or by other enumerated parts of the Versailles settlement.

The declarations of the peace resolution are reaffirmed in the treaty and it contains in addition a blanket provision that any benefit which might accrue to this country under the Versailles pact is to be regarded as of full force. Germany's renunciation of her overseas possessions jointly to the Big Five powers is reaffirmed, as are the military clauses of the Versailles treaty, the sections relating to prisoners, reparations, finance, economic settlements, commerce and abrogation of all other existing treaties between the two countries.

Disassociates League of Nations

In disassociating the United States from the League of Nations, the document provides not only that this government will not be bound by the covenant but that no action of the League shall be considered as placing an obligation upon America. The United States also stipulates that it will not be bound by the sections of the Versailles treaty relating to the boundaries of Germany, to political readjustments in Europe, to the settlements affecting China, Siam, Liberia, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Bulgaria, or Shantung, or to the establishment of an international labor organization.

In a state department statement issued to announce the signature of the treaty, special mention was made of the reaffirmation of this government's share in the renounced German overseas possessions, the statement declaring that this provision "confirms the rights of the United States with respect to Yap and other former German overseas possessions upon an equality with the other powers."

The department's statement reviewed the treaty in detail, emphasizing that any advantage which might have been gained by ratification of the treaty of Versailles is fully preserved under the present instrument. Regarding such further settlements as may be necessary between the two nations the statement said:

"It is understood that diplomatic relations will be resumed upon the exchange of ratifications of the treaty, and then negotiations can be undertaken with respect to commerce and other matters through the ordinary diplomatic channels."

Commercial Questions Covered

Administration officials are understood to feel, however, that commercial questions between the United States and Germany are as fully covered as seems necessary for the present by the reaffirmation of the financial and economic clauses of the Versailles treaty. In that connection, there is a provision in the treaty reaffirming the present attitude of this government toward the reparation commission by declaring that the United States reserved the right to participate in the commission's deliberations but would not be bound to any such participation except by its own decision.

"The treaty is designed to re-establish the diplomatic relations broken off February 3, 1917, and consists of three articles and a preamble. Article one guarantees on the part of Germany to the United States rights and privileges reserved under the Porter-Knox peace resolution, including "all the rights and advantages stipulated

CRIMINAL COURT SEPTEMBER 12TH

Judge Melver to Preside. Long Roster of Cases and Extra Term May be Called.

The September term of the court of general sessions will convene here Monday morning, September 12th. Judge Edward Melver, of the Fourth Circuit, will preside.

On account of the long list of cases brought over from the June term of court and the new cases that will be docketed for the September term, it is hardly expected that the docket will be cleared at this term and Solicitor Blackwell is planning to ask for an extra term of court to be held the week of October 10th. Most of the cases brought over from the last term are for violations of the prohibition law, assault and battery and larceny cases. The new cases are mostly for minor crimes, but require considerable time to hear them.

The jury commissioners met Monday morning and drew the following petit jurors for the regular term:

J. W. Peden, Dials.
J. N. Nabors, Dials.
J. N. Elledge, Sullivan.
C. W. Madden, Waterloo.
J. F. Hollingsworth, Cross Hill.
O. I. Shealy, Hunter.
John W. Riser, Jacks.
Martin M. Pool, Scuffletown.
L. G. Lanford, Youngs.
W. P. Hipp, Laurens.
J. K. Hatton, Hunter.
J. D. Black, Cross Hill.
Tillman O'Dell, Waterloo.
J. W. Owens, Sullivan.
L. W. Hughes, Youngs.
J. L. Boyd, Dials.
Claude C. Armstrong, Dials.
Joe L. Finney, Laurens.
W. J. Duncan, Hunter.
R. T. Trammell, Jacks.
Frank P. Drummond, Youngs.
J. W. Cooper, Sr., Waterloo.
E. B. Rasor, Cross Hill.
P. L. Davis, Sullivan.
P. T. Gray, Dials.
E. H. Scafe, Hunter.
Eddie L. Riddle, Youngs.
T. H. Burts, Laurens.
H. M. Blakely, Hunter.
B. W. Weathers, Youngs.
F. M. Curry, Dials.
J. Frank Davis, Sullivan.
W. W. Redden, Waterloo.
W. S. Atchison, Cross Hill.
John H. Wallace, Scuffletown.
R. J. Copeland, Jr., Hunter.

Death of a Child

Dora Louise, the five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waldrop, of Enoree, died at the home of her parents Tuesday morning, August 23, her death being due to a complication of diseases. Interment took place at Trinity cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. James Prince, of Enoree.

for the benefit of the United States in the treaty of Versailles."

Special Provisions

Specific provision is made that the United States shall not be bound by the clauses in the Versailles treaty providing for a League of Nations and that no action of the League shall be binding upon the United States unless the United States gives special permission.

It also is declared that the United States without its assent be regarded as a party to commissions concerned in reparations and other conditions growing out of the war.

These reservations are made in Article Two in which the rights and advantages for the United States, as set forth in the Versailles treaty are referred to.

It is made clear that "while the United States is privileged to participate in the reparations commission" under the Versailles treaty it is not bound to participate in it.

Article Three provides for the ratification and exchange of the copies of the treaty.

Assumes No Obligations

The treaty provides that the United States assumes no obligation under those parts of the Versailles treaty relating to the boundaries of Germany; to the political clauses for Europe, to those embracing certain provisions with respect to China, Siam, Liberia, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Bulgaria and Shantung.

It is provided that the United States shall not assume any obligation for that part of the Versailles treaty relating to international organization of labor.

CLINTON HIGHWAY VERY ROCKY

Supervisor Watts Says He Will Take Up Matter With State Highway Department, Which Has Supervision of This Road.

Asked several days ago in regard to the rocky condition of the Laurens-Clinton road, about which some complaint has been heard, Supervisor Watts said a few days ago that he had just gone over the road for the first time in many months and that he was surprised to find it in such condition.

This road, Mr. Watts said, was built entirely under the supervision of the State Highway Department, engineering work and inspection of every kind having been done by the state's employees. The County Highway Department, nor its engineers had no oversight of this work, he said, and he expected to take up the matter at once with the department at Columbia to see if something could not be done to place the road in the proper condition. The large number of rocks in this road, he said, ought never to have been allowed.

C. DOUGLAS BARKSDALE

Member of the Laurens Bar Passed Away Saturday Afternoon at Two O'Clock.

C. Douglas Barksdale, prominent member of the Laurens bar, passed away at his home on West Main street, this city, Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock after a short illness. Mr. Barksdale had not been feeling well for several days, but was in his office until the day before his death. He became suddenly ill Friday afternoon and Friday night his condition became critical. He lingered until Saturday afternoon, when he passed away. His death was due to heart trouble.

The body was carried to the home of his son-in-law, Mr. H. C. Fleming, Saturday afternoon and there the funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The services were conducted by Dr. Graves L. Knight and Rev. C. T. Squires. Interment took place at the Barksdale burying ground about two miles from the city immediately following. The active pall bearers were R. F. Jones, L. G. Balle, Albert Dial, W. S. Power, G. P. Jenkins, J. C. Owings, C. M. Miller, E. D. Barksdale, N. W. Boyce and M. L. Smith. The honorary pall bearers were C. W. Tune, O. G. Thompson, H. Y. Simpson, J. N. Wright, F. P. McGowan, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, Dr. R. E. Hughes, Dr. J. H. Teague, C. B. Bobo and J. F. Burton.

Mr. Barksdale was the son of the late Dr. John A. Barksdale and with the exception of a younger brother, Allen D. Barksdale, of this city, was the last member of the immediate family. He was 66 years of age at his death and besides his brother is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lillie Fleming. His wife, who was Miss Lillie Fair, of Newberry, died a number of years ago.

Mr. Barksdale was well known over the state and had many friends who were shocked at his death. At the time of his death he was a member of the commission to recodify the laws of the state and had given much painstaking time and thought to this work. About ten years ago he was an assistant to the state commissioner of agriculture and immigration and prior to that time he was master in equity of Laurens county, an office held until the time it was abolished during the Tillman regime. In public life and private practice he carried with him a punctilious devotion to duty and detail that won the respect of all with whom he dealt.

LEGIONARIES TO NEWBERRY

Local Post Elects Delegates, Sponsor and Maid of Honor.

Preparations are being made by a number of World War veterans to attend the state meeting of the American Legion to be held in Newberry Wednesday and Thursday of next week. While the delegates are preparing to remain for the two days of the meeting, a number of other legionaries are planning to go down by automobile to attend the daily sessions.

The delegates from the local chapter are Phil D. Huff, Ben A. Sullivan, William Switzer, J. D. M. Smith and Henry Franks. Miss Juanita Wilkes has been elected sponsor for the local post and Miss Harriett Hughes will be maid of honor. The delegates and the lady representatives will be the guests of the Newberry citizens while in attendance upon the convention.

BAND CONCERTS 'T WATTS MILLS

Band Stand Being Erected and Concerts to be Given Twice Each Month. Concerts are to be given by the Watts Mills Concert Band at the Watts Mills every first and third Sunday in each month, according to an announcement which has been made by J. W. Smith, secretary of the band. During the past week work has begun on a band stand being erected by the mill company and it is expected that it will be completed in time for the first concert next Sunday.

In connection with the band concerts, a community singing will be held where the public will be invited to join. The singing, as well as the playing of the band, will be conducted by Bandmaster Nickerson. The concert and singing are to begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon until further notice. The public of the entire county is invited to attend.

MASONS TO MEET

District Meeting to be Held Here On Sept. 9th. Eleven Lodges to be Represented.

Local Masons are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the convention of the Tenth district, which is to be held here Friday, September 9. Eleven lodges in the district will be represented and a pleasant and profitable meeting is anticipated. Among the prominent Masons to be here and participate in the ceremonies will be Past Grand Master Geo. T. Bryan, of Greenville, and Grand Master S. T. Lanham, of Spartanburg.

Outside of the routine work of the meeting, an attractive entertainment program is being arranged under the direction of Rice R. Nickels, district deputy grand master. A feature of this part of the program will be a barbecue served after the business session in the afternoon.

OUT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Graded School Team Getting Into Shape for Gridiron Season. Money Needed for Equipment.

Football practice is the order of the day on the grounds of the local graded school, the team getting an early start to be in shape for the approaching season. The team this year is said to have very promising material and local fans are predicting that the Laurens aggregation will be strongly in the running for the state championship.

Thos. C. Bolt, who is coaching the team again this year, states that the team is considerably handicapped on account of lack of necessary equipment and a subscription list is being circulated to secure funds to make up this deficiency. It is estimated that at least \$100 will be needed to put the team in running order, about \$20 having already been subscribed.

Soldiers to Come Through

Information in regard to the itineraries to be followed by the soldiers of Camp Jackson who are to march to their new posts has been rather meagre, but it is generally understood that a considerable part of the Eleventh infantry is to pass through this city on its march to Fort Thomas, Ky. The State yesterday said that this regiment would break camp Friday and start to its destination. As it is expected to reach Greenville about Sept. 13th, it is thought that it will be passing through Laurens about the 8th or 10th. Capt. W. R. Richey, who is at home on a visit, estimates that about 1,500 men will be in the regiment passing here and that it will be marching in sections so that it will require several days to go through. So far as can be learned, no camp sites have been selected as yet near this city.

Orchestra at Princess

Manager Switzer, of the Princess Theatre, announces that the Laurens Orchestra of six pieces will play at the theatre Thursday night when Tom Mix will star in "The Big Town Round-Up."

First New Bale

The first bale of the new crop of cotton was brought on the local market yesterday and sold for 16 1/2 cents per pound. It was raised by Mr. Worthy Chapman, who lives between Laurens and Ora.

CLINTON SCHOOLS OPENED MONDAY

Patrons and Teachers Expect Good Year. Witherspoon Again Superintendent.

Clinton, Aug. 28.—The new session of the Clinton city schools will begin Monday morning, August 29. Superintendent J. Harvey Witherspoon and the board of trustees have been busy preparing for the new year's work and the schools will open with the largest enrollment in their history. With a few exceptions, the teaching staff is well known to the patrons, the faculty containing only a few new members. The schools are again headed by J. H. Witherspoon as superintendent and this insures a successful and satisfactory year's work. The assignment of teachers for the coming year has been made as follows:

High school, J. B. Hart, Cameron, principal, science and military tactics; L. S. McMillan, Prescott, Ark., history, French, Spanish and athletics; Miss Helen Gandy, Darlington, mathematics; Miss Sarah Hunter, Clinton, English; Miss Marie Vaughn, Belton, Latin; Miss Alpha Bolt, Laurens, Miss Olive Chambliss, Luthersville, Ga., seventh grade; Miss Mary Clary, Gaffney, and Miss Essie Young, Clinton, sixth grade.

Central graded school: Miss Nancy Owens, Clinton, principal; Mrs. R. H. Hatton, Clinton, and Miss Myra Leaman, Greenwood, fifth grade; Miss Frances O'Daniel, Clinton, fourth grade; Miss Irene Curlee, Winnsboro, and Miss Floride Rudd, Cross Hill, third grade; Miss Katherine McSwain, Gaffney, second and third grades; Miss Nell Burgess, Clinton, Miss Daisy Wilson, Clinton, second grade; Miss Margaret Bradley, Abbeville, Miss Helena Bultman, Sumter, and Miss Doris Gaston, Greenville, Ga., first grade.

Lydia Mills school: Miss Mary Bean, Clinton, principal, second and fifth grades; Miss Margaret Blakely, Clinton, third and fourth grades; Miss May Owens, Clinton, first grade.

ANOTHER BAKERY COMING

B. G. Sanders Announces that He Will Open Bakery Not Later Than October 1st.

Mr. B. G. Sanders, of Ritter, who was here several weeks ago looking over the city with a view of opening a bakery, has written to the Chamber of Commerce that he has leased the store-room now occupied by E. W. Machen, opposite the postoffice, for a term of years and will open an "Electric Maid" bakery not later than October 1st.

In speaking of his plans, Mr. Sanders states that he will open a most thoroughly equipped and sanitary bakery and that the personnel will be of the best. He said that he decided to open his bakery here after visiting Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson and some other South Carolina cities.

Made Fire Inspection

W. S. Lowe, Deputy for the State Insurance Department, was in the city Thursday on his regular tour of inspection of fire risks. He gave the town a clean sheet on the accumulation of rubbish, but he said that he found a number of non-standard flues and bad shingle roofs that might be considered fire traps.

Mr. Lowe made an inspection of the new Laurens Mills village and said that he found it had the best and safest homes for operatives of any mill in the state. It was a practical impossibility, he said, for one of these buildings to be set on fire from the outside.

Fire insurance agents in many towns, Mr. Lowe said, should be more careful to make inspections of risks before issuing policies. He says the practice of issuing insurance without previous inspection is against the interest of the insurance paying public, as it opens the way for dishonest people to secure excess valuation on their property and then burn it down at a profit. The honest property owner, he said, has to bear the burden of this loss through high insurance rates.

Mr. Lowe said he wished to thank Chief Crews for his assistance in making the inspection of the city.

Woman's Missionary Institute

The Woman's Missionary Institute of the Presbyterian church, of Laurens county, will hold the annual meeting September 15th at Old Fields church, Ora. An interesting program has been arranged and a full attendance is urged.

NEWBERRY WELCOMES THE LEGION HOSTS

World War Veterans Gather Next Week

GENERAL BUTLER
PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Principal Work Before the Legion Now is to Provide for the Men Who Were Injured During the War. Several Candidates for State Commander.

Greenville, Aug. 29.—General S. D. Butler, fighting Marine, who rose from the ranks and made an enviable record at Chateau Thierry, will be the principal speaker at the annual convention of the American Legion to be held at Newberry Sept. 7 and 8th. Gen. Butler is at present commandant of the Marine Station at Quantico, Va. He holds the rank of Brigadier General and is 40 years old. He will bring a strong message to the several hundred delegates who will gather at Newberry, representing the 80 posts of the Legion in South Carolina.

G. Heyward Mahon, Jr., State Commander, and W. R. Watkins, State Adjutant, have prepared an interesting program of events for the convention and there is every indication that it will be the best ever held. The American Legion has grown to large proportions in South Carolina under the leadership of Maj. Mahon.

Many important subjects are to be discussed at the convention. The principal work now before the organization of ex-service men is to provide for the men who were injured during the war.

Short talks will be made at the convention by representatives from National Headquarters on the program of work of the Legion. Alvin M. Owsley will speak for the Americanization Commission. The Red Cross and the Federal Board will be represented.

Delegates to the National Convention will be elected and a number of important resolutions proposed.

The people of Newberry are bending every energy to make the stay of the veterans a pleasant one and a number of social features have been planned. There are several candidates for State Commander of the Legion.

WATTS SCHOOL OPENS

Regular Session to Begin Next Monday. Same Teachers as Last Year.

The Watts Mills school will begin its regular session next Monday morning with the same corps of teachers as last year. Mrs. Earl Owens is principal of the school and the following are her assistants: Mrs. Guy Garrett, Miss Julia Henderson, Miss Rikah Richards and Miss Mary Miller. Miss Irene Ray will have charge of the kindergarten class as in the past.

Mrs. Owens has announced that the first four months of the school will be observed as the compulsory period and parents are expected to bear that in mind.

Improving Streets

The city street forces have been busy during the past few days making improvements on Laurel street and the corner of North Harper and East Laurens. Laurel street has been plowed from end to end and the surface is being graded and smoothed, while the sidewalk has been straightened. At the intersection of North Harper and East Laurens, Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming has allowed the city to cut in on several feet of her property so that the turn will not be as sharp as in the past. Mr. Eugene Roland, in charge of the work here, states that the city may resurface all of North Harper street from the top of the hill where resurfacing has just been completed.

Services Resumed

Following the four weeks of union services which have been held by the various churches of the city during August, regular services have been announced for all the churches next Sunday morning and evening, as well as prayer service tonight. The last union service of the series was held at the Methodist church Sunday night, when Mr. W. L. Gray gave his impressions of the west as gained during his recent trip. Sunday morning Rev. I. N. Kennedy, of Ora, filled the pulpit and delivered an inspiring discourse to a large congregation.